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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER It was cold the first part of the week and mild the latter half. Weekly average temperatures ranged from near normal to four degrees below normal. Frequent light snows during the week brought very little moisture. Amounts at most places were under a tenth of an inch but some eastern points received up to a quarter of an inch Saturday night and Sunday.

Snow cover is confined to the Panhandle and the north central regions. Depths are generally from one to three inches, but range up to 8 to 10 inches locally in the far northwest.

CROPS Milder temperatures during the past week caused farmers to turn more attention toward preparing for field work. A few farmers were in fields but in general, operations during the past week were quite limited and consisted of some stalk shredding and fertilizing of wheat and cool season grasses in the south central and southeast. Farmers were giving increased attention to soil testing, seed testing, machinery repair and fencing.

Reports indicate that, in most areas, wheat which developed well last fall has wintered favorably and farmers are hopeful that stands will come through the winter in good condition. Some winterkill is expected in fields where plants went into the dormant stage with little top growth and shallow roots.

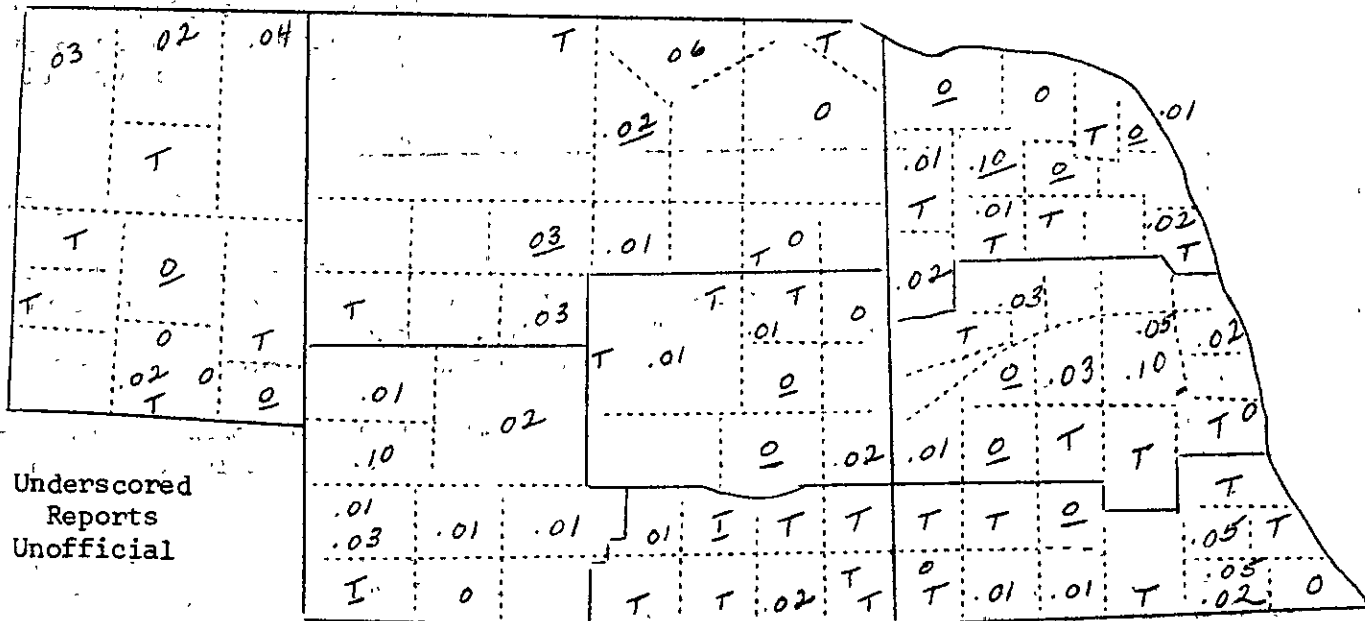
More of the snow cover melted away during the week and enabled livestock producers to utilize stalk fields and winter pastures over a greater area. This eased the need for heavy supplemental feeding in the north central and northwest that had persisted for several weeks. About a third of the stalk fields were being pastured. Around 10 percent of the wheat was providing pasture for livestock. Farmer feeders continue to move feeder cattle from fields into feed lots.

LIVESTOCK Temperatures were more favorable for all classes of livestock during the past week. Feeders in the east and southeast have enjoyed a relatively open winter. Although extremely low temperatures prevailed for a period, many report good feed lot gains. Farrowings are increasing seasonally with an increase in number of pigs saved as compared to last year.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 27, 1966

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.21	Burwell	.14	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.25	North Platte	.01	Imperial	T
Norfolk	.12	Valentine	.01	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.12			Sidney	T
Sioux City	.05				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1966



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 Hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		February													
		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	36	20	30	12	40	11	43	5	42	30	41	17	46	14
	Scottsbluff	36	18	36	20	37	14	51	21	42	28	39	25	47	29
	Sidney	35	17	33	23	35	19	55	21	44	24	32	24	48	28
NC	Burwell	27	12	29	10	38	17	54	18	31	18	43	32	44	23
	Valentine	20	6	25	6	30	15	39	5	32	17	34	23	42	20
NE	Norfolk	23	7	27	8	36	20	55	23	38	19	46	34	38	28
	Sioux City	23	4	28	10	37	16	54	28	42	20	48	32	37	33
CEN	Grand Island	25	9	29	8	37	21	55	20	32	19	50	33	39	26
EC	Lincoln	24	8	28	11	37	20	51	24	45	24	52	34	40	34
	Omaha	24	3	28	6	36	20	49	26	49	24	53	35	35	33
SW	Imperial	23	21	26	8	36	16	49	20	46	26	38	31	46	28
	North Platte	23	18	26	21	33	18	39	17	44	24	40	34	46	23

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